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Dear Major McFarland:

On 24 June 1983 you wrote to ask us to provide photographs of U.S. Army personnel serving with the Office of Strategic Services during World War II, for INSCOM's History Office to use in its photographic history of U.S. Army Intelligence, 1885-1973. I am glad to be able to release for INSCOM's use the enclosed 11 photographs of General Donovan and various OSS activities, as listed below:

- a. Portrait of Major General William J. Donovan, U.S. Army. South East Asia Command (SEAC) Photo Unit (U.S.), 27 January 1945.
- b. Three undated photographs of Major General William J. Donovan, from a group of pictures portraying General Donovan reviewing Operations Groups (OG's) and presenting awards and citations to OSS personnel.
- c. A group photograph of Operations Group commander Lieutenant Colonel Serge Obolensky's paratroopers alongside a B-24 before take-off for a mission. Undated.
- d. Norwegian Special Operations (NORSO) Group RYPE. Departure on operation from Jaevsjo Farm, 9 April 1945, two photographs.
- e. Jedburghs on obstacle course, two photographs. Undated.
- f. Special Force personnel, two photographs. Undated.

I hope that these photographs will help illustrate the large and important contribution that the United States Army made to the Office of Strategic Services' work during World War II.

Yours sincerely,

J. Kenneth McDonald  
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Enclosures

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